Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, Inc.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LETTER

Christine McDaniel, Membership Committee Chair
Attn: Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, Inc.
4 Valencia St.
Palm Coast, FL 32137

Dear Prospective Member:

As soon as we receive your completed Application and dues, your name will be added to the club's email distribution list. We use email to let club members know about upcoming meetings and club functions. We also encourage you to join our club's Facebook group.

The club has three types of membership:

- Individual Membership ($35)
- Family Membership ($35)
- Associate Membership ($35)

Individual and ***Family*** members may participate in all activities of the club including voting and holding office. ***Applications for these voting memberships require attendance at one monthly meeting before being voted in by the general membership.***

Associate members may participate in all activities of the club ***except*** voting and holding an office. Applications for Associate Membership ***do not*** require attendance at any meetings but do require a sponsor and membership approval.

All prospective members must have a sponsor (current member in good standing). If you do not know a club member who can sponsor you, please come to a club function where we can meet you and someone will be happy to sponsor you. We cannot proceed with an application without a sponsor.

You also must print, sign, and submit a copy of ***"The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club Code of Ethics"***. No one is accepted into MFGRC without having agreed to the Code of Ethics.

Your application will be read to the board for approval at the first board meeting following its receipt. Your next step will be to attend a general meeting to introduce yourself and be voted in by the membership. General meetings are held monthly, mostly via Zoom, with an occasional in-person meeting.

Dues are payable when your application is submitted. Send the completed application, the signed Code of Ethics, and your check for the membership dues to the address above.

We hope that this fully explains our procedures for membership.

Sincerely,

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail To:
Christine McDaniel, Membership Committee Chair
Attn: Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, Inc.
4 Valencia St.
Palm Coast, FL 32137

Type of Membership: Individual ($35) Family ($35) Associate ($35)

Name: Secondary Member Name (Family):

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Secondary Phone (Family):

Email: Secondary Email (Family):

Occupation(s)

Primary Interests: (mark all that apply)

Agility	Barn Hunt	Conformation	Dock Diving	Fast Cat	Field	Obedience
Rally	Rescue	Scent Work	Therapy	Tracking	Pet Owner	Other

Other Interests (Please Explain):

List some of the activities you have participated in within the last year:

Are you a member of any other dog organizations? If so, please give name of club, offices held, and duties if any:

In what areas would you be willing to volunteer? (mark all that apply)

Regional Specialty	Independ Specialty	Obed/Rally Trial	Hunt Test	CCA	Health Clinic
Fun Match	Field Training	Seminars	Hospitality	Raffles	Awards
Photography	General Admin	Event Flyers	Surveys	Newsletter	Website
Social Media	Club Historian	Board/Officer	Finance	Donations	Fundraising
Legal	Outreach	Membership	Volunteers	Puppy Referral	Wherever Needed
Training/Mentoring (specify venue)		Judging (specify venue)		Other (explain)	

Please provide any relevant specifics for the above:

What do you expect to receive from this club?

List Dog(s) Owned: (Additional dogs may be entered on the last page):

Breed Call Name

Registered Name Titles

Name	Signature	Date
Name	Signature	Date
Sponsors Name		Date

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MFGRC CODE OF ETHICS

Below you will find the Code of Ethics adopted by the Board of Directors on October 24th, 2026. This text was adopted after many revisions, discussions, and review of other national breed clubs' "Codes". New members, by their application, agree to abide by and follow the Code of Ethics. The reaffirmation statement of the annual dues renewal also will note members' agreement to follow the "Code".

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club (MFGRC) endorses the following Code of Ethics for its members. It is the purpose of the MFGRC to encourage its members to perfect (through selection, breeding, and training) the type of dog most suitable in all respects for work as a companionable gun dog, and to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of Golden Retrievers in every endeavor.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF MFGRC

Members' responsibilities include educating the public about the breed, keeping in mind that they and their dogs represent the breed, the MFGRC, and the sport of purebred dogs in general.

Members are urged to accept the written breed standard as approved by the American Kennel Club and the Golden Retriever Club of America (or other applicable governing body of the country in which they reside or exhibit) as the standard description of physical and temperamental qualities by which the Golden Retriever is to be judged.

Members are required to maintain good sportsmanship at all events and competitions, abiding by the applicable rules and regulations set forth by the governing bodies for such events and competitions. Members' conduct should always be in accord with the purposes and intent of the MFGRC Constitution and By-Laws.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A BREEDER

MFGRC members who breed Golden Retrievers are encouraged to maintain the purpose of the breed and are expected to demonstrate knowledge, honesty, and fairness in dealing with other owners and breeders, purchasers of dogs, and the general public. The MFGRC does not support the cross-breeding of dogs and is particularly opposed to the deliberate crossing of Golden Retrievers with any other breed. Owners of breeding animals shall provide appropriate documentation to all concerned regarding the purebred status of any litters produced, and the health of dogs involved in a breeding or sale, including reports of required examinations such as those applying to hips, elbows, heart and eyes.

Breeders should understand and acknowledge they may need to take back or assist in finding a new home for any dog they produce at any time in its life, if requested to do so.

Members who breed should sell puppies, permit stud service, and/or lease any stud dogs or brood bitches only to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give proper care and attention to the animals concerned, and who may be expected to act with the intent of the statements of this Code of Ethics. Members are encouraged to use clear, concise written contracts to document the sales of animals, use of stud dogs, and lease arrangements, including the use, when appropriate, of non-breeding agreements and/or Limited Registration. Members should not sell dogs at auction, or to brokers or commercial dealers.

ADVISORY GUIDELINES

Breeding stock should be selected with the following objectives of the MFGRC in mind:

Recognizing that the Golden Retriever breed was developed as a useful gun dog, to encourage the perfection by careful and selective breeding of Golden Retrievers that possess the appearance, structure, soundness, temperament, natural ability, and personality that are characterized in the standard of the breed and to do all possible to advance and promote the perfection of these qualities. (Paraphrased from Article A, Section 2, of the MFGRC By-laws, as amended in 2004.)

MFGRC members are expected to follow AKC requirements for record keeping, identification of animals, and registration procedures.

ANIMALS SELECTED FOR BREEDING MUST

I. Be of temperament typical of the Golden Retriever breed; stable, friendly, trainable, and willing to work. Temperament is of utmost importance to the breed and must never be neglected.

II. Be in good health, including freedom from communicable disease.

III. Possess the following examination reports in order to verify status concerning possible hip dysplasia, hereditary eye disease, cardiovascular disease, and elbow dysplasia:

   a. **HIPS** - appropriate clearance from Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Penn Hip (done at minimum 24 months of age), Ontario Veterinary College (Canada), or BVA/KC Hip Score (Great Britain).

   b. **EYES** - Current OFA clearance (done yearly) from a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ACVO) or from a BVA/KC approved ophthalmologist (Great Britain).

   c. **HEARTS** - appropriate OFA clearance from a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Medicine, Cardiology Specialty.

   d. **ELBOWS** - appropriate clearance from Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Ontario Veterinary College (Canada), or BVA/KC Elbow Score (Great Britain).

   e. **A preliminary report does not constitute a clearance.**

Consideration should be given to genetic disorders that can be tested for (e.g, pred-PRA, PRA1, PRA2, ichthyosis 1 and 2, and NCL), as well as other disorders that may have a genetic component, including, but not limited to epilepsy, hypothyroidism, skin disorders (allergies), and orthopedic disorders such as osteochondritis.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date: _____

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ADDITIONAL DOG SHEETS

Breed _____ Call Name _____

Registered Name _____ Titles _____

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